## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

## **BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL**

<u>7:00 p.m.</u>

The Mayor, Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Balbier: "Mr. Fisk, would you call the roll please?"

Clerk Fisk: "Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Here."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Here."

Councilman G. Frey: "Here."

Councilman Patton: "Here."

Councilman J. Frey: "Here."

Councilman Balbier: "Here."

President Balbier: "On tonight's agenda we have a purchase request for a new street sweeper from the Service Department; we have Resolution 2006-1, Opposing Ohio Senate Bill 82 which violates the right of local self government which is afforded the citizens of a charter municipality under the Ohio Constitution; Ordinance 2006-6, Amending sections of Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio entitled "Income Tax"; Ordinance 2006-7, Authorizing inter-fund transfers and advances during 2006; Ordinance #2006-8, the first reading, Providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$5,600,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing and equipping a new fire station, authorizing execution and delivery of a bond registrar agreement and bond purchase agreement with respect to the bonds and related matters; and other matters that may come before Council. We'll now have the approval of the minutes of January 23, 2006."

Councilman J. Frey: "Move to approve."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of January 23rd, Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Abstain."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

President Balbier: "We'll now have the public session. Anyone that has anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn, please step forward and state your name and address."

**Kate Durbin**: "Good evening, my name is Kate Durbin, I live at 6123 Archmere Avenue. I'm a volunteer for Brooklyn Animal Shelter. We would like to thank everyone who came to our Dine to Donate Days, we made \$56 from Cici's January 31<sup>st</sup> and \$28 in donations. We made \$363 from Max and Erma's, plus \$225 in donations. Thank you so much for your support."

**Donald Dawson**: "Good evening. Donald Dawson, I live at 8949 Springerest Drive. And I have a couple issues I'd like to discuss with Council here, pertaining to a letter that I sent to Mayor Patton on January 19<sup>th</sup>, which I got no response from. 'Mayor Patton, once again you and your administrators have denied a qualified resident, my son D.J. Dawson, employment by hiring a nonresident in the Police Department. In May 2002 you made a decision for the city to hold a commission and swear him in as a special police officer, which it took your administration three years to get him on file. He took the civil service test and was within the top 10. He was encouraged by your administration to get on the list. Well he worked for the city for three years in auxiliary and four years as a special police officer. He worked for the city and donated his time throughout your special police program, hopefully to become a policeman in the City of Brooklyn. He learned the operations and procedure. He deligiously worked on building relationships throughout the

department with all the patrolmen in the department, in which D.J. was very successful. Also during this time, Chief Murphy, you sent out some letters of recommendations for patrolmen in Atlanta and Columbus that my son had applied for. Finally a position became available in Brooklyn in November of 2005, and then testing and interview started. After passing all your civil service requirements and the City of Brooklyn requirements, after two interviews with Chief of Police Jack Murphy, the administration elected to bring him in for his third interview. With you, Mayor Patton, acting as the Safety Director, and Chief Murphy, Mayor Patton and Chief Murphy, this position was for an entry level patrolman's position. Nowhere in did it state that you are to be a certain age other than a minimum requirement or required years of street experience or bilingual experience or any type of instructor status. I don't want recall any of these requirements being in your legal notice or your civil service requirements. Mayor Patton, you should be ashamed of the way you handled, and your administration handled these interviews. Not only did you emotionally scar him on your decision, after all the hard work and seven years he put forth for the city, you just threw him out on the street with nothing. Mayor Patton, you couldn't even be a friend and take the time out of your busy political schedule to explain your decision and why you couldn't hire him. You just waited till he left and had a detective call him two hours later to do your dirty work and tell him that he wasn't being offered the position. Mayor Patton, Safety Director and Chief Murphy, I'm bringing these few issues to the members of Council because we definitely have some problems in the leadership and accountability within Mayor Patton's administration; or maybe we have a program in place that isn't adequate enough. That is not beneficial to the City of Brooklyn nor beneficial to the special police officers and residents that apply for this patrolmen's position in the City of Brooklyn through this special police program. Chief Murphy, this special police program does not say is for retired police officers, bring your commission here for part-time work to fill our full-time police officer's side jobs when needed. There are 21 year old men coming out of college with degrees in police science and Ohio Peace Officer certificates. They are looking for the city to hold their commission and further to become police officers throughout their program. Chief Murphy, I would think after four years under your watch that my son would have been given all the tools needed to meet the city requirement, and most of all Chief, your requirements. Chief Murphy, you stated lack of experience. You made a statement after D.J. was sworn in to keep him involved in some programs needed for his training, which that didn't happen. No firearm training, no documentations on his ride along with your sergeants on duty. Over the last four years he was involved in felony stops, domestic violence calls, and drug stings, traffic stops, traffic accidents, summonsing to court, and numerous other calls. His training has been there, it's unfortunately you weren't aware that his training was taking place over the last four years, according to the staff that has worked with him for these four years. Mayor Patton, you and your administration has denied my son employment because of the lack of experience; but right after that you hire an assistant manager at the Rec Center that has no experience in the Rec Department at all. And once again you currently had employees capable of filling that position. But your friendship with someone else is more important than hiring within your own staff. And once again the taxpayers are going to have to pay, more people at higher wages, or multiple people, employees, like was done at the Service Garage, and deal with more grievance procedures so you could put a friend on staff. Mayor Patton, why wasn't my son given that same opportunity that you have given your new assistant manager. You have always addressed my son and my family as your friend, my wife worked your front table for six years at all your fundraisers, and we kept sending money in for your campaigns. And I have two recommendations for City Council here that I think they need to pursue this. Do you want me just to turn these recommendations in or would you like me to read them?"

Councilman Balbier: "Turn them in."

Mr. Dawson: "Okay, I'll just forward them to City Council then?"

Councilman Balbier: "Yes, that'll be fine."

Mr. Dawson: "Okay. And one other thing, has anyone on Council ever went to the walterdrane.com? They're the ones that did our codified ordinance? Have you ever gone there? Why isn't the City of Brooklyn involved in that? I contacted them and they stated to me, we do the codified city code for Brooklyn but we have not been able to convince the city that they should put their code on-line."

Councilwoman Pucci: "It's on the city website."

Mayor Patton: "Ours is on our city website."

Mrs. Thompson: "We have all our codified ordinances on our city website."

Mr. Dawson: "You have them on your home page, right. But when you go there it tells you, it don't give you the definition, it just lists the code number. With them, when you go there, and if you pull up 13.01 it gives you the definition to the T. It shows the charters and everything. This is something that the residents should have on-line. I mean, I don't understand why it's not available to us."

Councilman Balbier: "We could look into that."

Mr. Dawson: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Councilman Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Dawson. Does anyone else care to speak?"

**Tom Sirak**: "Tom Sirak, 9003 Boxwood Circle. My main concern, that most of Council knows, is property maintenance. Why would you take two steps forward and five back? Don't back off on your ordinance for rental property. They're business people. They cry it's going to cost them more to help make money. Show me a landlord that isn't making some income off of this property. You know where I live, you know what I have behind me. And just don't back off. I mean, you come in the industrial areas, you tell us to clean up our property, we do it. Nobody calls ahead, comes in advance or says once a year we're going to come down, they come down randomly. And they pick on everybody on Associate Avenue, you know, cutting grass, cutting weeds down. Which some shops are a lot worse than others. But when it comes to the rental property, don't back off and don't give them any breaks. And Rita, I agree with you about garbage, people putting it out Saturday for their garbage collection on Monday, and nothing ever happens. In fact, we had garbage pickup today in our area, there was garbage cans rolling around out on Memphis. Thank you much."

President Balbier: "Thank you. Anyone else care to speak? If not, we'll move onto reports from committees, commissions and boards, and the first is the Public Works Committee, and that's chaired by Mr. Greg Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "No report Mr. Balbier, thank you."

Councilman Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. Next is Public Safety, and that's Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Tonight we had a Safety and Environmental meeting regarding speeding in the alley behind Roadoan Road, between Orchard and Memphis Villas. A couple of residents were concerned about the safety issues regarding children who play and ride their bikes in that area. He said that the radar that the police set up is appreciated, but they cannot man the alley 24 hours a day. And on a temporary solution for a short term traffic pattern, he came up with a recommendation to me about a portable speed bump. Portable speed bumps are community friendly and do not hinder snow removal or road maintenance. They contribute to a safer environment, reduce speed, and are easily handling for storage, relocating and removing. They also had a suggestion of a stop sign halfway through the alley. The Mayor and the Chief will be looking into the portable speed bumps for a possible solution. So that was the end of our Safety meeting."

Councilman Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Next is the Planning Commission, John Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "Thank you Mr. President. We had a Planning Commission meeting on February 2, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. and there was a request from Brookpark Road LLC for a lot split on permanent parcel 433-18-013 for MC Machine Company located at 9000 Brookpark Road. It was something that just needed to split a lot that we thought was split a month before, and the blueprints showed us it wasn't. There was a request from Weber Architecture for preliminary site plan approval to construct a Fifth Third Bank to be located on the southeast corner of Biddulph and Tiedeman Roads, permanent parcel number 433-02-001. And they've got an ad in the Plain Dealer every day now for 4.06% on CDs. That's about the same as everybody else, I think. Request from Boyer's Signs and Graphics for sign approval for Jinxed located at 4656 Ridge Road. Now that, we asked them to take that back and reconsider the colors. We would like to see that store fronts by Ridge Road there in that little strip mall be kind of similar on one to the other, instead of a gross, really, sign that just glares at this company. We did not like the way that sign looks, so

they were sent back to try and re-do it and soften it up a little bit. Then that was all. That's all at the Planning Commission meeting, there'll be another one the first Thursday of March. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. Next is the Rec Board, and that's Mr. Craig Patton."

Councilman Patton: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. We did have a Rec Board meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a visit from Mrs. Andrea Badza, who has done some looking into improvements and statistics as far as improving our summer camp program, which she had a nice packet made up for everyone there, so that we have that with us for the next meeting. The February meeting is going to be cancelled because of all this going on at the Recreation Center with the sectional and district hockey tournaments. So our next meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> in the Mayor's Court at 6:30. That's it."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Patton. Next is the Finance Committee, and that's Mrs. Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. The Finance Committee did meet earlier this evening and approved the following. We had a request from Mr. Kappler for authorization to purchase another street sweeper through the State Purchasing Co-Op for \$116,361.90. This was approved. This will be an addition to the street sweeper that we currently have; however, this unit will only be used for street sweeping. Our current piece of equipment can also clean out catch basins. Ordinance 2006-6, which amends sections of Chapter 181 regarding income tax, this changes our deadline for everyone to file city income tax from April 30th to April 15th. Last year the state mandated this, however it was too late for the cities to comply with. So effective this year the deadline has been changed to April 15th, which of course is in line with the federal and the state. Ordinance 2006-7, which is authorizing inter-fund transfers and advances. We have received a \$90,000 reimbursement from FEMA. We had originally advanced \$100,000 from our Capital Improvement Fund to FEMA, and we owed the 10% match. Part of this transaction returns the advance and the other part transfers our match. We also received \$7,500 from Cuyahoga County in connection with the Southwest Council of Governments. We purchased some satellite phones, and we were reimbursed for them. Then we have also received the first advance on our real property taxes, so we are transferring the one mill portion that goes into the General Fund, we're transferring that into the Safety Forces Construction Fund, and that is for an amount of \$36,956. We also voted to put 2006-8 on first reading. This is the ordinance for the issuance and sale of bonds not to exceed \$5,6 million for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing and equipping the new fire station, and authorizing the execution and delivery of a bond registrar agreement and bond purchase agreement. Last Friday Mr. Balbier, Mrs. Gallagher and I met with Mr. Fisk and we had an in-depth explanation and discussion on the whole process of bonds. I encourage anyone over the next couple weeks to read through everything, and if they have any questions to ask Mr. Fisk. It isn't too often that we do issue bonds. I'm sure Mr. Frey's been around, Mr. John Frey's been around for a few of them, but it's not too often. So I encourage everyone to educate themselves on the process. We also received a draft of the revised rental licensing ordinance for everyone to review. We received a copy of a letter from Mr. Riachi... I had requested a breakdown regarding the fire station to compare the estimates versus the actual cost, since we did have such an increase from what we initially expected. We've got the information on where we are today, unfortunately we don't have the comparison to the original estimates. And Mr. Fisk talked to Mr. Riachi, and he is going to be providing us that information. We also reviewed the information that Mrs. Brown had requested regarding information on wages and benefits for the non-bargained for employees. And Dr. Bshara is requesting that we take another look at selling the old library. We ran out of time, so he's going to come back to the next Finance Committee meeting. There was also one other topic I wanted to bring up, that I didn't get a change to because of time, and that was, I've already discussed this with both Mr. Fisk and Mayor Patton, effective January 1st we already have one of our city unions who came on-board with a modified health care plan which calls for more out of pocket expenses basically for the employees. I'm sure this is something that the other unions are going to be asked to also agree to. However, I was disappointed that the non-bargained for employees were not included in this effective January 1st. I think instead of asking the union employees to do it and then coming in after, once the unions have agreed to it, I just believe it's better to lead by example. The Mayor has told me that he is going to implement this for the directors, chiefs and all the non-union employees effective, is it sometime in March?"

Mayor Patton: "We hope to get it very soon, yes. Mr. Fisk and I have been discussing that, and we hope to be back to you next meeting with several negotiation packages."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, and that would include the switch for the..."

Mayor Patton: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "...non-union employees. And I believe that completes my report. Thank you Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Next is Domestic Violence and Legislative Update, and that would be Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. On February 8th we held a Domestic Violence meeting to finalize our discussion on asking our high school students to design the cover for our domestic violence pamphlet which will be titled 'City of Brooklyn – Committed to Helping Victims of Domestic Violence.' The winner will receive \$100 scholarship, and the individual will be recognized at a City Council meeting. We also had discussion on elder abuse. Elder abuse in a domestic setting is a serious problem affecting hundreds of thousands of elderly people across the country. However, because it is still largely hidden under the shroud of family secrecy, elder abuse is grossly under reported. Some experts estimate that only one out of 14 domestic elder abuse incidents, excluding the incidence of self-neglect, come to the attention of authorities. Experts suggest that domestic elder abuse cases reported to state adult protective services or aging agencies represent only the tip of the iceberg. So that's what we talked about at our Domestic Violence meeting, and our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Next is the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that would be Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "The Board of Zoning Appeals met on January 26th and the Board heard a request to maintain a six foot tall privacy fence constructed in the side yard located at 4693 Summer Lane, in conflict with the terms of the building permit. This issue may be affected by the pending zoning code review. A six month variance was granted to retain the existing fence."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Ockington. That concludes reports from committees and commissions, we'll now have the reports of Council. Tonight we start with Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Kathy Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. It has been a busy couple weeks. About a week and a half ago Mr. Greg Frey, Mrs. Gallagher, myself and Mr. Ockington spent the day in Parma at a seminar that was put on by the State Treasurer's Association, and it was regarding land banks. Land banks basically is a valuable tool for cities to implement. When a property becomes a nuisance and blighted, cities first try to address those problems through their existing laws. However, if the property ends up in foreclosure, a land bank allows a city to take control of those properties. Now just so we're clear, we're not talking about eminent domain, that's a whole other area. As it goes through the foreclosure process, if no one claims it the city can take possession. Some cities hold onto these properties, some sell them. Most of the time when a city does hold onto a property, the city can design a redevelopment plan, so if somebody does come forward and want to buy it, there would be an existing plan on what the city would like to see done with that property. Some properties that end up in a city's land bank are more strategic than others. There are a lot of cities that are taking advantage of this. I did request the ordinances from all the other cities in the county that have land banks, and I just received it this weekend. So I will make sure that everybody who's interested gets a copy of it. The main thing is, I do think we need to establish a land bank. Whether we actually end up putting properties in it or not, I don't know; however, the advantage to having the land bank already established is, you're on file as having a land bank with the county, and when the properties are going to come up for a Sheriff's sale, they then advise the cities, and the city has an opportunity then to check into the properties, to physically view it, and then make a decision if it isn't claimed, do we want it. So I am going to encourage everyone that we take a serious look at this. I think this could be a valuable tool. The other interesting thing is, it's not just residential property, you can also land bank industrial property. And I'm sure I'm speaking for everyone, I think we really learned a lot. We basically spent the whole day there, and it was very informative. And I'd like to thank the State Treasurer's Association for putting on this seminar. I think everyone that was there really learned a lot. Regarding the public hearing and the Council work session that we held after the public hearing regarding the rental license ordinance, we did receive a draft of some modifications. I think because my name was associated in the newspaper with it a little more prominently than maybe some other Councilpeople, I actually have received quite a number of calls since then. First we received the calls from the people who were opposed to the inspections. And I've received quite a number of calls and some e-mails from residents who are very concerned that it's going to be so watered down it's not going to really do what we're looking for it to do. I even received a call from a woman who lives in the Westbrook Apartments over the weekend who attended the public hearing and has been reading about it in the paper, and she advised me that even though she lives in the Westbrooks she supports it because she thinks it's what's best for the entire community. We are still looking at it, we are trying to make some modifications. One of the things we did discuss is the possibility of trying to get into rental units when they're vacant. However, we're a little concerned that this would place such a burden on our Building Department, because they basically would have no way of controlling and scheduling when the inspections would need to be made. And that would be pretty difficult if they were all lumped together in, you know, like a three month period. So we are still working on it. We're trying to listen to what residents are saying on both sides of the issue and trying to come up with a compromise that addresses some of the issues that people have, while at the same time not making it so it's ineffective. I don't know who could answer this, if it's Chief Murphy or Mr. Ockington, but do we already have existing laws that would address the issue of these teen nights at some of the establishments that we've been hearing about in other communities that are having problems with nights that teenagers can come to establishments that otherwise serve liquor?"

Chief Murphy: "As far as I know, I don't know if we have an ordinance for it, but..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay."

Chief Murphy: "...I don't think we've run into that problem as of yet."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay. Could you check if we have something on the books and then let me know, Chief? I would appreciate it."

Chief Murphy: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thanks. I still had a call from a resident regarding the website. Maybe, Donna, you could pass this one. They said that as they were going through, I believe it was the calendar of events, some of the events it is very apparent where they take place, but apparently there aren't locations listed. And, you know, they said that some of them, you know, obviously if it's something for hockey they mention it's at the ice rink; but there were some other events that we don't have locations listed. So if you could, you know, check into that. And if it would be appropriate to put where the venue is, maybe we could start listing that."

Mrs. Thompson: "And Kathy, just so people know, when you click on it it opens up for more details."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Oh, okay."

Mrs. Thompson: "Some people may not realize that."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Maybe they don't realize that."

Mrs. Thompson: "But what I could do is make sure that anything that should be evident about a location we'd put it right on the main description."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, thank you, I would appreciate that. And I'll let them know that they can click for further information."

Mrs. Thompson: "Thank you."

Councilwoman Pucci: "I just want to thank Doug Rehker. I had a call when the weather was starting to get a little warmer, I had a call from a resident who lives in the Tiedeman/Manoa area, and they thought that because it was getting warmer they wanted to see the street sweeper out. They specifically were talking about Tiedeman Road. And I learned something new, that there is a minimum temperature that the weather has to be at to run the street sweeper so that it doesn't get damaged. And I know when I talked to Doug there were some other streets that did have a higher priority, and he was trying to get them all done in that window. And also, normally the street sweeper goes out at night on the second shift, but of course in the

winter they really can't do that. So he did end up getting Tiedeman Road done for the resident. But also, just so everyone is aware, just because it's getting a little warmer, that doesn't mean we can necessarily get the street sweeper out there. And Doug does have a list, and it is prioritized, so, you know, if there's some place that's really bad you can certainly let us know, but he does keep a list, and as soon as the temperature is warm enough he is getting it out there. And also, with the purchase of this new street sweeper that we're authorizing tonight, I think that should help also. And at the end of the meeting I'm going to move that we go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel. And that completes my report. Thank you Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. What was the temperature for the street sweeper?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Do you want to answer that, Mr. Kappler, or do you want me to tell you what I learned?"

Director Kappler: "Let's hear what you learned."

Councilwoman Pucci: "That initially it was 50 degrees, but that they have been able to run it when it's in the high 40s. But if they go below that, like say, because sometimes if it's a sunny day and it's in the low 40s people think, oh, you know, it shouldn't be a problem, but if they go in the low 40s they'll have problems with it. And we don't want to break it."

President Balbier: "Thank you, I didn't know that either. Mrs. Brown."

Councilwoman Brown: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Chief Murphy, I have a question of procedure for you. Over this past weekend when we had snow I received a call from a resident, a neighbor on her street had walked her dog without the required paper bag, the dog left a calling card. The resident whose property the dog was on came to the door and she said to the woman, 'Aren't you going to pick that up?', and she said, 'I don't have to, it's snowing. Have a good day.' And she walked on home. Well the resident was really upset and she knew we had an ordinance on this and gave me a call. I called and had an officer go out to advise the woman go take care of what her dog did. I got another call from the resident, the owner of the animal came down to the house, took her house number, because she was the complainant, left the dog leavings, and went back home. Again I called the station and I spoke with the officer who made the call, and he said, 'I advised the woman.' And I said, well the woman hasn't cleaned up the mess, did you give her a ticket? He said no. Now my question is, we have an ordinance to this, that mess was left for the resident to pick up. The person at fault did nothing. Was she supposed to get a ticket, is my question?"

Chief Murphy: "Yes, if she didn't retrieve the droppings, then she should have been cited."

Councilwoman Brown: "Will you please tell your officers that, please?"

Chief Murphy: "Yes."

<u>Councilwoman Rita Brown</u>: "Thank you, I appreciate that. And I'm sure residents who have that problem will also appreciate that. Okay. Since the last vote that we had on 2% raises for all of our employees, I have been working on salaries and benefits. Why? Because I believe the residents should know exactly how much money our employees are receiving from our tax money. I have to admit to being guilty, I did not know this information. Anyhow, I am looking into it. I'm looking into overtime. I'm not ready to give my report yet, as I haven't received all the information that I receive. Be assured our employees are very well taken care of, in some cases, in my opinion, too well. But you will be hearing from me. I am not dropping this. Understand I cannot change that structure. But I believe every resident should know just where the salaries are, and where they are going. And with that, happy Valentine's day, I love you all. Bye."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Gallagher."

<u>Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher</u>: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. As elected leaders in our community, we have a responsibility to safeguard our children. There is more and more stories about children who talk to strangers on the internet with devastating outcomes. Internet safety has become an increasingly relevant topic in our society. I recently read an article regarding a program

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called 'I Safe America', a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching children internet safety. program provides free training and curriculum materials to law enforcement agencies and educators, who then present the program to local schools. The program has been approved by the Child Protective Division of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program in the U.S. Department of Justice. I Safe has also worked closely with the FBI's Community Outreach Program to train students on internet safety. As more children enter the internet on a daily basis, it is imperative that we teach them how to be safe. I'd like to share some facts with you from the I Safe. One in five children, teens under the age of 17, have received unwanted sexual solicitations on-line. One in 33 children, teens, have received an aggressive solicitation to meet somewhere. 49% of on-line solicitations are not disclosed. 6% of children, teens ages 10-17, are threatened or harassed on-line, and only have half reported the incident to their parents. There are two million new users of the internet per month in the United States. 48 million children, ages five-17, now use computers. 90% of children between the ages of eight and 16 have viewed pornography on the internet. In most cases, the sex sites were accessed unintentionally when a child, often in the process of doing school work, used a seemingly innocent sounding word to search for information of pictures. So what I'm going to do is, I'm going to pass this information onto School Board member Judy Basniak to get some feedback from our educators at the Brooklyn schools. I think this is a good program, and I would like them to look into it."

Mrs. Thompson: "Colleen, that program's already, well we just were approached by Jim Petro's office, and we're going to be setting up a meeting with the school, the Mayor's office, the Police Department and looking into a program that they can offer."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "This I Safe? Oh, that's great."

Mrs. Thompson: "Well it's a combination of I Safe and Net Safe. Apparently I Safe is more towards the younger age, and Net Safe is geared towards the older age and parents. And they have a pilot program going out...right now, where they're heading up a full day of seminars for the students, and then an evening town hall meeting, which is what we're going to be looking at doing possibly in April or May."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Okay. I'm going to pass this on anyway, but I think that's great that the schools are doing that. So thank you for that update. And more recently I've heard about a program in a couple of nearby communities called Senior Helping Senior Day. High schools' senior classes is invited to senior centers, and then they head out for the day to rake leaves, clean yards, plant flowers for senior residents who sign up for the program. Mayor, if we don't already have this program, I think this could be a very much a benefit for our seniors. And if you could possibly talk to Kay Hutkay, maybe at the next staff meeting, I'll give you the information on it."

Mayor Patton: "That'd be fine."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you. And I also had the opportunity to attend the Ohio Land Bank forum. I found this to be very informational. And as Kathy stated, it can be a valuable tool to getting control of abandoned property. Land is one of the most important factors in a local economic development today. By transferring vacant and abandoned properties to responsible land owners through a land bank program, local governments benefit because they avoid the cost burden of property maintenance. In addition, local cities benefit from increased revenue because the new property owners pay taxes on the property. Also, the land bank properties that become owner-occupied discourage criminal activity and decreasing the cost burden of our Police and Fire Departments. So while there are many benefits to establish land banks in local municipalities, there have also been many challenges in operating and maintaining them. So I also, with Kathy, would like to look over these ordinances, and, you know, take a good look at it. I do think this is a great tool for our city. And last Council meeting a resident came up to me and asked me to pass along this information, so I'm doing so. Disabled veterans could see larger payments from the federal government and back compensation as well under a provision that Congress approved recently. The provision would benefit veterans in Ohio who for decades have received less in disability payments. Under the measure the Federal Veteran Affairs Department must notify veterans, and they may resubmit their disability claims, and perhaps receive a retroactive payments. More than four million veterans are slated to receive letters from the VA alerting them about this provision. The letters are considered to be significant since those receiving them will nearly double the 2.5 million disabled veterans nationwide who currently receive disability. The VA letters will explain how veterans can appeal, reject a claim, or submit new ones. The provision was included in a military spending bill that passed on November 18th and is headed to the President for his expected signature. The average disability payment affected is less than \$7,300 a year, while nationwide the average payment last year was \$8,378 per veteran. So he asked me to pass that along. And one more thing, on Mr. Dawson. My heart breaks for D.J. and your family. You guys are wonderful, great people, and you are a great, D.J.'s a great asset to our community. So if the Mayor decides to hire him, you know, I'll fully support him, because he's done a lot. He's been a special officer, as you said, a long time. And I hope he does get hired for our sake. So... Pardon?"

From audience: "Can I address that?"

President Balbier: "No."

From audience: "No?"

President Balbier: "No."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "So again, I will talk to you after the meeting, but if the Mayor decides, I'm in support with him to hire him. So thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Mr. Greg Frey."

Councilman Greg Frey: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I just want to comment briefly on the land bank meeting and on the rental ordinance. I too attended the land bank meeting. There were public officials there from throughout Cuyahoga County, and maybe from as far away as, well certainly Columbus. Was there somebody, there was somebody there from Dayton I believe. There were people from all over Ohio at it. And we all have kind of common problems. I came away from there feeling a little better in that some of these places were overwhelmed by the problem that they have with blighted areas in their cities and what not. I think we're getting at this early, and I want everybody to understand, I think this Council is fully committed to making sure that we aren't dealing with entire blighted areas, that we get at it and stay at it until we make Brooklyn the place we want it to be for families to live. Which gets to the rental ordinance that Mr. Sirak was talking about. And, you know, we started out, the ordinance that we started out was very, I mean, it was very specific about a lot of things. It was a very comprehensive ordinance. And maybe it was a little too comprehensive. And, you know, we'll go back and forth about this for awhile. The point is, we need to be proactive regarding, not only the rental dwellings in Brooklyn, but the homes in Brooklyn. We need to maintain standards of appearance. We need to maintain standards of safety for the people living in the homes. And that benefits all of us. That's a win-win. Okay, when people take care of the their properties, have the pride of ownership in their properties, maintain their properties, it makes for better community all the way around. It protects our home values, it protects our family values. So I think you'll find that the Council, as time goes on, it will very aggressively move towards enforcing the standards that we have, and in areas where we may be deficient we will be stepping up and putting new kinds of ordinances in force that will address the deficiencies. And I think that's all I want to say tonight Mr. Balbier, thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. Mr. Patton."

<u>Councilman Craig Patton</u>: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I agree with Greg Frey on that matter, as far as the new property maintenance that we're proposing right now. I don't think it's watered down too much, but also I don't think we're being too soft. I think what we're doing is being cautious and make sure we cover all of our bases and take this slow, instead of jumping in with both feet and making mistakes. We want to make sure that this one sticks. So... Mr. Kappler, I have a quick question for you. I had a couple phone calls as far as potholes and road maintenance. About what time do you guys start, is it right when the snow melts you try to get out there, or do you have a certain date you try to start filling potholes and road maintenance?"

Director Kappler: "During the winter season we'll fill them as an as need basis with our cold mat. We try though and wait till spring when the asphalt plants open, which will probably be mid-March to April 1st. And then we do a hot patch to last all summer long."

Councilman Patton: "Great. Okay, I'll make sure I forward that to them then. I want to tell you, as well as your staff down at the city garage, they did a great job with the snow removal. It was tough out there. There were a lot of elderly out there shoveling their snow. And I know they're very appreciative of the job that all

the guys do down there. As well as Police Chief Murphy and Mr. Duchoslav, who's not here. With snow comes more safety issues for police and fire, so it needs for you guys to be on your toes as well, and you guys have done a great job as well. Over the past weekend, last Saturday and Sunday, this past Saturday and Sunday, I had the opportunity to be at the Rec Center for the Baron Cup I and II tournaments. I got to see a great game in the division one final, University School beat St. Edward 2-1 in a triple overtime game, and it was probably the most exciting game I have seen in a long time in high school hockey. And as far as the people that were coming up to me at the ice rink that don't even live in the City of Brooklyn, telling us how convenient and clean, as well as how nice the staff was, and treated them all weekend when they were there watching their children play high school sports, was overwhelming. The place was immaculate. It was very well kept. So props to the management over there, as well as the maintenance crew and all the part-time workers, you guys did a great job of keeping that place maintained and adequate enough to hold as much as, I believe there were about 2500 people there yesterday for that championship game. And also to the police for keeping up with the parking lot situation, which is always over there. So you guys did a great job with that as well. As far as I have for the streets, the street sweeper that is up to be voted on tonight, as far as the purchase request, I think that I agree with Mr. Kappler, that is a great thing that we should look into getting, because right now we're talking about property maintenance and the look of our city, and the street sweeper is definitely going to help beautify our streets and get some jobs done that I think all of us are concerned about. And that is to keep Brooklyn the most beautiful place around. And with that being said, last but not least, I'd like to wish my three-year old daughter McKenna happy Valentine's day, will you be my valentine. Thank you. That is all I have Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Patton. Mr. John Frey."

**Councilman John Frey**: "Thank you Mr. President. I'll be brief. While the other Councilmen were doing the heavy work, heavy duty work, I was attending the St. Valentine's Day dance at the Senior Center with my wife. We had chicken, chicken..."

Councilman Patton: "Paprikash."

Councilman J. Frey: "No, what's the other one?"

Councilman G. Frey: "Parmesan?"

Councilman J. Frey: "Parmesan. And it was done delightful, it was great. Bob Spiwak's Band was the music, played all the music from the 40s and the 50s, and it was wonderful. The old timers got out there dancing, enjoyed the food, and I had a great day. And I want to thank the rest of my Councilmen here for doing what they do. They do a wonderful job. And I want to thank Mayor Patton and the rest of his administration, because I think they do a good job under difficult times, under a lot of pressure. The city is fiscally responsible. And be happy that Brooklyn stands where it stands in the communities. I support him solidly. With that, I pass."

**President Rich Balbier**: "Thank you Mr. Frey. We did have a workshop on that property licensing code, and it must have lasted at least three hours. We had a lot of input. And we have a new draft in front of us. We're going to pass something, believe me. What it's going to be like, I don't know yet, but we're going to pass a property licensing code. And right now each Councilman has the new draft, and I hope they all read it over, and we're going to have some more input, and we'll finally get it up here, one of these days I hope. The Medicare Part D, if this involves you, I guess there's a lot of confusion about this. The Senior Center's going to have a meeting on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6 p.m. There'll be experts there to answer your questions. So that's on Medicare Part D, if you're involved with that. Also, next week I would like to schedule our first meeting to go over the building codes of the City of Brooklyn. I'm having difficulty coming up with a day, but I'll be calling each member individually and we'll come up with something for next week. And that completes the reports of Council, and now we'll have the Mayor's report."

<u>Mayor Ken Patton</u>: "Thank you Rich. I'd like to thank Carrabba's Restaurant. They put on another fundraising dinner, this time over at St. Thomas More, allowing them to do some fundraising. And it's great that a business in Brooklyn not only goes to Brooklyn High School but St. Thomas More and others throughout our city to raise money for their charitable events. While John was dancing at the Valentine's dance and others were at a meeting, I was a speaker at the Lutheran Hospital Advisory Board explaining our

Master Plan. It was a very good meeting. Kay Hutkay and myself always attend those meetings. We also went to lunch, my assistant, Donna Thompson, myself, Jeffrey Lampert, Superintendent of Schools, met with Mr. Allen, who is the Board of Health Commissioner. And we are putting together a smoke prevention and education program for the youth. I would also like to thank the Cub Scout Pack 319 for an invitation to their blue and gold dinner. They received all their awards, and brings a smile to their face. Don't forget about the Master Plan, one of the final meetings of the Master Plan is going to be this Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. And I'm also honored to attend Cleveland State graduate class on the 21st and present our Master Plan to them. It's going to be examined by the Cleveland State class and also by the Friends of Big Creek. Don't forget that Monday the 20th is President's Day, it will be a holiday, rubbish will be one day later. Received a letter from Lynn Wieland, the administrator of the Community Office on Aging for the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services. And she was delighted that 20 Brooklyn residents came over to the library and had their check-ups for the benefits that are coming out with the Medical Part D. And she would ask that we put this in our community newsletter. So I am going to give her a call, find out whatever dates may be available, and the next newsletter that goes out we will have that in. Speaking of the newsletter, there was a mistake in our newsletter that went out. It said there will be no parking on city streets between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. November 1st thru April 30th. Well that should have been April 1st. So please remember it's April 1st. Becky Lindquist from the Brooklyn Library called. There was an elderly man who went into the library and was trying to put his social security through the internet to someone who told him to send it to him. Well here, she became aware of this, called our Police Department, two of our officers came down and found it was a scam, so we did save that gentleman from identity theft. So please make sure, you should always watch what you're doing, as far as being on the internet. Polaris sent a letter out recently that Brooklyn High School graduates are eligible for \$1,000 discount on the adult education Automotive Technology; Computerized Business Technology; Cosmetology; Dental Assisting; Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Medical Assisting; and Residential Construction Program tuition, and a \$300 discount on the National Resource Ranger Basic Peace Officer Academy and Health Assistant Job Training Program tuition. The residents of Brooklyn are eligible for a \$100 tuition discount on any of the following adult education job training programs, including: Automotive Technology; Computerized Business Technology; Cosmetology; Dental Assisting; EMT Basic; Health Care Assistant; Heating; Ventilating; Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Medical Assisting; Natural Resources Ranger Basic Peace Officer Academy; Residential Construction. Also a \$5 discount is eligible for the adult education catalog classes. Call 440-891-7600 to register or get information. And that is from Bob Timmons, the program director at Polaris Career Center. American Cancer Society Relay for Life in the City of Brooklyn is having a committee fundraiser on Sunday, February 19th from 5-8 p.m. at Aces Bar and Grill in the Biddulph Shopping Center. The cost is \$15 per person, and the price includes appetizers, rigatoni with meatballs, salad, beer, pop and coffee. There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffle, Chinese raffles and more. The actual Relay for Life will be Saturday, Friday and Saturday, June 16th and 17th over at Brooklyn stadium. That even starts at 6 p.m. Senator Brady, who represents us down in Columbus, has resigned and is taking a job with the City of Cleveland. And Senator Brady is leaving the Legislature to help advise Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson on utility matters, and his Senate seat will be filled by State Rep. Dale Miller, a fellow Cleveland Democrat. The resignation takes effect February 28th. Miller's appointment to the Senate will be official March 1st. And Miller will have to run for his seat in November, but will have the benefit of running as an incumbent. So congratulations. Thank you to Senator Brady, and congratulations to State Rep. and now Senator Dale Miller. From the City of Brooklyn Mayor's office and City Council and the residents of Brooklyn, we sent a proclamation to honor and congratulate Mr. Alex Machaskee on 46 years of service to the Plain Dealer. There's a Coffee with Mayor Patton at the Senior Center on Fat Tuesday, that's February 28th from 9-10:00. What we do is, we're going to sit around and drink coffee and eat punczkis and talk about what's going on in Brooklyn. So please attend if you can. Again, AARP income tax assistance is available, make your appointment over at the Senior Center. Did that one already. Weight Watchers every Monday evening at the Senior Center. You can sign up, the meeting time is 5:30, registration and weigh-in a half hour prior to the start of the meeting. Doors open at 5:00. L.A. Christener hearing test schedule for 2006 is as follows. They will be at the Brooklyn Senior Center every third month. So they will be there on February 21st, please call for your appointment. Again, blood pressure readings are available on Tuesdays from 1-2:30. In addition, the Brooklyn paramedics will be over there on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, it's a Thursday, from 10-11 a.m. Mr. Dawson, anything I would have said in a letter, and anything I can say tonight, won't suffice. I know that, you know that. Your son is an outstanding and respectful young man. Chief Murphy and myself both feel that way very strongly. However, the City Charter and Civil Service rules allow me to make decisions. Sometimes a popular decision isn't easy, sometimes an easy decision isn't popular. The officer selected was properly selected under Civil Service rules. Yes, he has more experience. He was a Cleveland officer for over

3 ½ years, and he had over three years in the United States Secret Service, and yes he is multi-lingual. I picked the person I thought who was best for the job. That's my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mayor. No, you can't respond. Thank you Mayor. Next is the directors' reports. The Finance Director, Mr. Fisk."

Director Fisk: "On June 25<sup>th</sup> we did the set-upon the new automated purchasing system, and on the 26<sup>th</sup> did the training with the Recreation Department and the Fire Department, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> implemented the new system and have it operating on a pilot basis right now in the Fire Department and the Recreation Department. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we did the implementation and information to the fire fighters on the new flex plan that will go into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and this allows fire fighters, as part of the new medical plan, to put pre-tax dollars aside to pay for medical costs. And on February 6<sup>th</sup> the audit of our 2005 accounting records began. That's all I have, thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Fisk. Next is the Service Department, Mr. Kappler."

Director Kappler: "This evening I have no report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Kappler. The Building Department, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Effective May 27, 2006 one, two and three-family residential construction will be regulated by the State of Ohio with the new Residential Code of Ohio. The Building Department staff is in the process of extending our state certifications that enforce the new codes. The City of Brooklyn is currently enforcing the most recent model codes, there will be a few changes which will affect Brooklyn residents or contractors. That concludes my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Ockington. The Police Chief, Chief Murphy."

Chief Murphy: "President Balbier, no report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Chief. The Fire Chief is not here this evening. Law Director Mr. Shaper."

Director Shaper: "No report."

President Balbier: "Thank you sir. That concludes the directors' reports. We'll now have monthly reports. The Division of Fire, they had 54 runs in January, the rescue squad had 137 runs, and they collected \$1,770. Next is from the Senior Center. Through their programs they collected a total of \$4,993.20. And this is from the Building Department for the month of January. The Building Department took in \$29,006.63 for permits, \$9,825 in contractor registrations for the month of January. And our next item is the purchase of the street sweeper. And Mr. Kappler, would you say a few words why we need the street sweeper when we already have one."

Director Kappler: "Yes I will. First of all, the unit we have is a combination street sweeper/vac all. The one I am going to purchase is a three wheel street sweeper only. When storm water phase 2 entered into the picture for the City of Brooklyn, we need to clean our catch basins on a regular basis; we also need to sweep the streets. We need a piece of equipment for both jobs, and this way in early spring I can put two sweepers out to clean the streets up faster. I'll use one to maintain, and then during the summertime and in the fall we will be cleaning our catch basins on a regular basis."

President Balbier: "Thank you. Does any Councilperson have any questions of Mr. Kappler?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to approve the purchase of a street sweeper through the State of Ohio Co-op Purchasing Program."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the purchase of a street sweeper, Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

"Councilman Patton: "Yea."

"John Frey."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

President Balbier: "The next portion of the meeting is audience remarks pertaining to legislation on the agenda only. So if anyone has anything they wish to say about the resolutions or ordinances that we're about to discuss, come forward. If not, we'll move onto our first one, that's **RESOLUTION 2006-1**. Opposing Ohio Senate Bill 82 which violates the right of local self government, which is afforded the citizens of a charter municipality under the Ohio Constitution. And I'd just like to say a few words about this. You probably all read in the paper that the Ohio Senate Bill 82, the state passed it, they're waiting for the Governor to sign it. It says that cities cannot legislate that their employees have to live within the city. Well to give you a brief update on this, when the State of Ohio was first formed, everything came out of the state, cities had very little to say about. So in 1912 they held a Constitutional Convention, and it was very heated, and a lot was exchanged; but out of that convention they passed Article 18, the Municipal Home Rule. And that's what gives cities their authority to pass laws that govern themselves. Because like Brooklyn and Cleveland have a lot of different problems than they do, say, a city down on the Ohio River. So when they passed this, Brooklyn did it right. About six years ago we put the ordinance for our employees, whether they want to live in the city or not, on the ballot, and our residents passed that they could live anywhere they want. I'm all for that, I was the one that sponsored that bill. I think anybody should be able to live anywhere they want in the State of Ohio, and you shouldn't be told where you have to live. But that's not the issue here. When the state stepped in, they're infringing on our home rule. They're taking power away from the cities. And the City of Cleveland in the early 1980s, they put the same thing on the ballot, and their citizens turned it down. So now here it is 25 years later and the state's saying, well we don't care what your residents say, here's the way we want you to do it. So most city councils, and the Mayor is sponsoring this here, are against it because it's infringing on our home rule. And so it has nothing to do with, I'm all for that they should be allowed to live any place they want, but I'm not for the state telling us how to do it. That's what this Article 18 was passed for in 1912. Does any other Councilperson wish to state..."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yeah, may I be recognized?"

President Balbier: "Mrs. Brown."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yes, that very subject Mr. Balbier is talking about, at the time I opposed. And I opposed because it covered all the employees, and I felt that the City of Brooklyn should employ their own. However, I did vote to put it on the ballot. The people chose to let our employees live anywhere they want to, and I honor that vote. Although I had a different opinion, I believe in home rule."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "May I be recognized? This issue ultimately is going to be decided in the courts, because there's already been several actions filed in the courts. But just to reiterate what Mr. Balbier said, this is about home rule, not specifically the residency requirement."

President Balbier: "Exactly. Anyone else?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilman J. Frey: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Resolution 2006-1, Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."
"Rich Balbier."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea." Councilman Patton: "Yea." Councilman J. Frey: "Yea." Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to adopt."

President Balbier: "Second."

Councilman J. Frey: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To adopt, Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

President Balbier: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2006-6**. Amending sections of Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio entitled Income Tax. This is, the only change in this is changing from the filing deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup> bringing it to the state, the state requires it to be April 15<sup>th</sup>; and that's all this is doing, is changing that one sentence."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules, Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To adopt Ordinance 2006-6, Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."
"Rich Balbier."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

President Balbier: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2006-7**, An ordinance authorizing inter-fund transfers and advances during 2006."

Councilman J. Frey: "I move to adopt, suspend the rules."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Ordinance 2006-7, Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea." "Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea." "Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea." Councilman Patton: "Yea." "Greg Frey." "Craig Patton." "John Frey." Councilman J. Frey: "Yea." "Rich Balbier." Councilman Balbier: "Yea." Clerk Fisk: "To adopt, Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea." "Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

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"Colleen Gallagher."

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"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

President Balbier: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2006-8** to put on first reading. An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$5.6 million for the purpose of paying costs of construction and equipping a new fire station; authorizing execution and delivery of a bond registrar agreement and bond purchase agreement with respect to the bonds and related matters. Motion to put on first reading."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To place Ordinance 2006-8 on first reading, Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

President Balbier: "Does the Mayor or any Councilperson have anything else they wish to add? Then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn."

Councilman J. Frey: "I move we adjourn."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Mr. Balbier..."

President Balbier: "I'm sorry. I'm sorry, go ahead."

Councilwoman Pucci: "I move we go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel with the Mayor and the Law Director."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To adjourn to executive session for personnel matters, Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "No."

"Rich Balbier."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

Clerk of Council

MAYOR

## COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THEN RECONVENED.

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to reconvene." Councilman G. Frey: "Second." President Balbier: "Second." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second." Clerk Fisk: "To reconvene from executive session, Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea." "Rita Brown." "Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea." "Greg Frey." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea." Councilman Patton: "Yea." "Craig Patton." Councilman J. Frey: "Yea." Councilman Balbier: "Yea." "John Frey." "Rich Balbier." Councilman J. Frey: "Move to adjourn." Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to adjourn." Councilwoman Brown: "Second." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second." Clerk Fisk: "To adjourn, Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea." "Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea." "Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea." "Greg Frey." "Craig Patton." Councilman J. Frey: "Yea." "John Frey." "Rich Balbier." Councilman Balbier: "Yea." Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.